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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Frederick F. Becker et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PROGRAMMABLE FLUIDIC PROCESSING

Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Noguerola, A.

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTXC:569USC1

Amendment; Response to Office Action Dated August 24, 2004; and **Petition for Extension of Time**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004. The three-month response date was November 24, 2004. This paper also requests a one-month extension of time, bringing the response due date to December 24, 2004, which is within the sixmonth statutory period. The extension fee is included. Should such fee be deficient for any reason, please withdraw the appropriate amount from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/UTXC:569USC1/MCB.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the application.

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